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### On the Homefront:

Arts and Crafts vendors are needed for Altrusa's Second Annual Bazaar, to be held March 27, 10 am - 3 pm at the Pace House, downtown Garland. All proceeds from the Bazaar will be used for Altrusa's community service projects. For vendor information email at: [altrusa2004@yahoo.com](mailto:altrusa2004@yahoo.com)

Rodeo Parade in Downtown Mesquite Starting at 10:00am. Parade Route: starts at Newsome & Belt Line, north on Belt Line, Left on Main, Left on Ebrite, Left on Davis, Right on Galloway, & ends at Galloway & New Market.

Tickets for the African-American Educators Hall of Fame banquet are on sale. The Hall of Fame is in its inaugural year and recognizes notable individuals who have made systemic and notable contributions to the education of African Americans in Dallas County. Banquet is April 3, 7 p.m. at New Birth Baptist Church, 444 W. Ledbetter. \$40 per person. Sponsors needed. Call 214.565.9026.

April 3 - 2004 Great American Clean-up at Bob Woodruff Park, 2601 San Gabriel Street, Plano. Enjoy a picnic (food provided by our sponsors) and Earth Fest featuring Eddie Coker, pictures with mascots, interactive and fun environmental games/activities, face painting, and much more!!! Contact Casey Eckert at [casey@plano.gov](mailto:casey@plano.gov), or Keep Plano Beautiful at 972.769.4130. Clean up 8 a.m. - 11 a.m., Earth Fest 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Children of Uganda Tour of Light 2004, April 8, 7p.m., at the Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm Street, Dallas. Don't miss this award-winning dance troupe of 20 Ugandan children aged 8-18, orphaned by HIV/AIDS. East African dance and music. Raising funds for HIV-related orphans and to increase world AIDS awareness. Call 214.824.0661, or visit [www.ucef.org](http://www.ucef.org).

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## Bethany's Pastor Haynes Says 'Pay it Forward'



By Cathy Johnson

There are many events throughout history that incite change within our society: Proclamations, Peace Treaties, perils and aftermath of a war, and soft economic trends. Yet,

late Billy Sunday and Smith Wigglesworth. There are also those who are stepping out on a slightly smaller scale inciting great change, and then there is Rev. Albert K. Haynes, Sr. of Bethany Missionary Baptist Church (BMBC).

Rev. Haynes, a man of the cloth since the age of 21, is consistent in his belief that "You must always maintain a conscientiousness that there is always someone who has helped you" said Haynes. Raised in a strict environment where televisions and movie going were prohibited, Haynes praises the efforts of his parents, Rev. and Sister Felix Haynes of Beaumont, TX. "Everyone has someone who has invested in them whom they can not repay. Because of my parent's investment in me, I am obligated to do my best," said Haynes.

In 1993, after sixteen years of pastoring in Beaumont, Texas, Haynes came to the BMBC church family at 6710 Webster in Dallas.

Now with a congregation of nearly 800, they have expanded their outreach ministries to include an education facility spanning 14,000 sq. ft. The church has opened its doors to partnering with an after school

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## Gradyne Sennette-A Voice for the Children

By Cathy Johnson

The Civil Rights Movement was the birthing ground for significant changes for African American communities throughout America. Voting bans were lifted, public domains were infiltrated, and a segregated society could no longer prohibit African Americans from receiving an equal educational experience.

Schools across the states complied and opened its doors in the late 60's to reflect the racial population of the people.

Resistance to the change was felt in Texas, however, it wasn't until the court ordered Desegregation Plan of 1987, that the Garland Independent School District complied.

Kimberlin Academy for

Excellence in Garland opened its doors in the fall of 1987 as a direct result of the court order. The school only accepted children in the 90 percentile,



gifted in the arts, and those in close proximity to the school.

Fostering the recent changes, and wanting to offset the onslaught of academy openings, GISD created a

Liaison position for the African American Community to help link the school district to the people.

Operating under the "Freedom Of Choice Plan", Gradyne Sennette currently holds that position with great pride. "I feel like this position was made for me," said Sennette.

The Freedom Of Choice Plan is unique in that no other school district in the country has a plan like it. It is designed to allow families the option to go to any school of their choice within their district if there is "space". Space is based on "Ethnic Band" which states that the class must be racially balanced.

Sennette, an educator for 27 years and former principle for the Texas Youth Commission, says, "My position is to ease

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## 16th Annual Live from Plano a Success



Froyina Goussak, and Plano Mayor Pat Evans

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## Black Press Recognized This Week

By Hazel Trice  
Edney NNPA Washington Correspondent

**WASHINGTON** (NNPA) -With campaigns heating up for presidential and congressional elections, the Black Press of America is making its presence known on Capitol Hill this week as part of its the annual Black Press Week, sponsored by the National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation.

NNPA Foundation President Brian Townsend says, "They must remember that it's very important that as they design policy for the nation, we present the news to Black voters so they understand what's going to be affecting them in the future. And who's going to tell their stories better than through our newspapers? Our newspapers can do that better than any other medium."

Representatives from many of NNPA's 200 Black-owned newspapers converge annually on the nation's capital for the three-day event, marking the founding of Freedom's Journal, America's first Black-owned newspaper, in 1827 in New York City.

Publishers from around the nation visit with members of Congress, Democrats and Republicans, in the spirit of the first editorial printed on the front page of the journal, founded by John B. Russwurm and Samuel E. Cornish. Not only did it state, "We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us." But, it continues, "Too long has the public been deceived by misrepresentations in things which concern us dearly...."

Publishers come to forums and receptions with questions for lawmakers. They also honor newsmakers from the previous year.

The highlight of the week is the Newsmaker of the Year Award luncheon, which will be Friday at the National Press Club. To be honored this year are U. S. Army Brigadier Gen. Vincent Brooks, National Council of Negro Women President Dorothy Height and NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund President and Director-Counsel Elaine Jones.

Brooks, who gave the

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## Blackonomics

## Sins of the National Baptist Convention

By James Clingan

The February 25 - March 2, edition of the Toledo Journal, carried an article headlined, "Black Church Group to Meet in Cincinnati." The Black church group to which it referred is the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. The article noted the membership of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., the number of visitors and delegates it will bring, and the article paraphrased Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken's comments regarding police-community relations and job opportunities, saying the convention's coming here does not mean we can "let up" in efforts to improve on these issues.

Famous newscaster, Paul Harvey, has a segment called, "The rest of the story," and there is a segment on a local television show called, "What they are not telling you." Well, let me give you the rest of the story; let me tell you what they did not tell you in that news release.

They did not tell you this Black convention will also bring \$121 million in revenues to a city where Black people are treated with the highest disregard when it comes to sharing the economic prosperity that comes with

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## St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church Holds 13th Annual SOKO Outdoor African Marketplace

The event was introduced to St. Luke through Pastor Emeritus, Zan W. Holmes, Jr. as an opportunity to "recirculate our dollars back into our community." Since 1991, the SOKO marketplace has grown tremendously in expanding its message and reach to the entire metropolis. It is a wonderful, fun, enlightening, entertaining, and economic event for the entire family. This 13th annual event will take place on Saturday, April 24, 2004 (Rain date May 1, 2004) 10 am until 4 pm at St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church, 5710 East R.L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas, TX 75223.

The event is free and open to the public. Participants experience a festive event, which features vendors, African dance, African music, spoken-word poetry, a disc jockey, health awareness information and screenings, and various types of entertainment throughout the day. This year's event has an added component of being interactive with the 70th Church Anniversary and Kwek Ewe Festival (US Negro Spiritual Conference). Participants will have the opportunity to tour the sanctuary and view the stained glass windows created by Artist Jean Lacy, that tell the story of Biblical and African-American Heritage from creation to slavery to civil rights.

For more information, please contact the Tony Burns at (469) 733-2575 or Stephanie Johnson at (214) 402-4111 or you may visit our website at [www.slucmc.org](http://www.slucmc.org).

## COLLIN COUNTY ECONOMIC SUMMIT SET FOR MARCH 30

Business, community to look at growth, future in preview of local economy

2004 Collin County Economic Summit

Theme: "The Future is Now!"

A biennial event, the Collin County Economic Summit offers presentations and breakout sessions led by some of North Texas' most reputable economic experts focusing on economic conditions, predictions for the future and the impact on Collin County. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Collin County Community College District Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX.

Breakout session topics range from air quality and transportation, to education finances, healthcare, a

mayors' panel and more. (Visit <http://www.cced.edu/economicsummit/economicsummit.htm> for session descriptions.)

The summit will kickoff with a keynote address from Dr. Steve H. Murdock, Texas state demographer and a professor for the Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

More than 20 panelists representing local businesses, city governments and other organizations will participate in breakout sessions. (Visit <http://www.cced.edu/economicsummit/economicsummit.htm> for complete list of panelists and bios.)



# 16th Annual Live from Plano a Success



Larry Flannery



June Andringa, Joan Boutte



"The Democrats are Okay"



"Divine, Dining Divas"



"Where is that Doggie in the Dark Park?"



"Sister and Brother Cities"



Annie Gray in "Younger than I am"



"Be Careful What You Wish For"



"A Wonderful Way to Campaign"



Frozina Goussak in "Foreign Import Blues"



"Doofus Hall of Fame"

Recently, Live from Plano, in its 16th year, held its stage play "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum", written by Kay Goodman. The mission of Live From Plano is to provide funding for agencies that impact

mental health in Collin County, Texas. This year's creative team includes Kay Goodman- Writer; Chris Henry- Co-Producer; Karen Voelker- Co-Producer; T.J. Johnson- Director; and Ashley Chappell- Musical Director. Live from Plano, a satirical musical review, pokes fun at the politics, trends and travails of society. The 2004 beneficiaries include

Assistance Center of Collin County, The Forrest Outreach Foundation, C.I.T.Y. House, The Turning Point. Special donations were presented by Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc., Starbucks Coffee, Neiman Marcus- Willow Blend, Xerox, The Junior League of Plano, Studio Movie Grill, and many more.

## Local Motivational Speaker

### Discusses Common Sense Parenting

By Sister Tarpley

Recently, Rev. Marilyn J. Giles, a renowned and much sought after conference and motivational speaker, spoke

child and the others will follow or copy. She asked, "Why did Jack go up the hill when water doesn't run

at a parenting workshop at Mt. Olive Church of Plano where Reverend Sam & Gloria Fenceroy



are the common Sense; and Elder Ned Boyd, Youth Director, Mount Olive Church of Plano

The workshop topic was "Common Sense Guidelines for Raising Quality Kids".

She started her message with a familiar nursery rhyme, Jack 'n Jill. While making her analogy, Rev. Giles of Christ and Common Sense, a Christian Activities Consulting Service, said that parents and guardians should do positive things with their first born or only

"common sense" ideas and a number of scriptures to backup her message.

• With children you have to get your bluff in early, clear guidelines and boundaries must be set during the crawling phase.

• You must accept the responsibility of raising your child/children.

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"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine."

1 Timothy 5:17

Pastor Larry J. Sanders, Sr. & Family  
4th Year Appreciation Service

Keller Springs Baptist Church

Events Include:

Evening of Inspirational Music & Praise Dance

Saturday, April 3, 2004 @ 5:00p.m.

Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, April 4, 2004 @ 10:45 a.m.

## Around The Town

### On-going

Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972.548.4114. You can also visit [www.co.collin.tx.us](http://www.co.collin.tx.us).

Interactive Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center - a hospital fantasyland, a miniature grocery store, a farm, a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit complete with rain forest, arts and crafts. Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Children 2-10 years \$4/Adults \$3. Call 972.386.6555.

Interurban Railway Station Museum, 901 E. 15th Street, Plano, Historic Downtown. From 1908 to 1948, this was a station on the Texas Electric Railroads' Interurban Line. Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. For special tours call 972.941.2117.

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking Collin County. The nonprofit, business-to-business group oversees several chapters, with the Collin County group meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. No reservations are

required, and more information is available online at [www.teamnetworking.com](http://www.teamnetworking.com).

Supporting Others Through Mentoring (SOTM, inc.) a faith based non-profit sponsors its empowerment meeting for women every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5 p.m. Local speakers, life application small groups. Call 972.709.1180. 4650 South Hampton Road, Dallas.

### General Information

The American Red Cross has announced that all blood levels are low. O Negative and O Positive blood types are at a 4-hour level, other blood types are at less than one day supply - well below the two day optimal supply needed to serve the community. The American Red Cross is urging people to schedule an appointment to give blood. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE, or visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org).

### Through April 4

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - Don't miss this incredible stage adaptation of C.S. Lewis' classic. Presented by the Dallas Children's Theater. Fridays 7:30 p.m. Saturdays 1:30 p.m. and Sundays 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. At the Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman St. Dallas. Call 214.740.0051 (box office), or visit [www.dct.org](http://www.dct.org).

### Through May 9

Nasher Sculpture Center presents 'Picasso: The Cubist Portraits of Fernande Olivier,' as its first traveling exhibition. \$10 adults/\$7 seniors/\$5 students/free for children under 12. 2001 Flora Street, Dallas. 214.242.5100, or visit: [www.nashersculpturecenter.org](http://www.nashersculpturecenter.org)

### Through May 24

Express Yourself! Youth Etiquette Symposium is providing an opportunity for ages 10 and up to learn more about radio broadcasting, production and public speaking. Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. To sign up or for more information, contact Earnestine Cole at 972.412.0884. Held at St Phillip's School and Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Dallas.

### March 25 through April 10

For the 9th year in a row the SPCA is taking its furry friends to the Galleria in hopes of them getting new homes. Monday - Saturday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sunday: noon - 6 p.m. Last year 104 SPCA orphans found homes. Galleria Dallas, LBJ at Dallas Parkway North, first level, south end. For more information call 214.651.9611 ext 143.

### March 25

Estate Planning Seminar, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Free 90-

minute program. Discover how easy it is to use a Living Trust or a Properly Drafted Will to save on Estate Taxes and Control your Assets. Presented by Dallas Estate Planning Attorney, Richard P. Johnson. Admissions is FREE. For reservations call: Karen at 972.497.1010 or email [Karen@RichardJohnsonLaw.com](mailto:Karen@RichardJohnsonLaw.com)

### March 27 & 28

The Plano House & Garden Show - Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Metroplex's top home improvement contractors, designers, landscapers and garden centers along with two of the most popular Home Improvement TV Celebrities will transform the Plano Centre into the Plano House & Garden Show. Admission TBD

For more information contact Show Technology at (210) 408-0998 or email [info@showtechnology.com](mailto:info@showtechnology.com) or visit [www.showtechnology.com](http://www.showtechnology.com).

### March 29

AARP will provide free tax assistance for all citizens on a first come, first served basis, MONDAYS ONLY at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bring a copy of last year's return and required paperwork (W-2 forms, 1099 forms, etc.).

### April 1

The Senior Source, Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas host a support group for older adults looking for work, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Topic "Resume Do's and Don'ts". Free. Meets at 1215 Skiles Street, Dallas. RSVP required. Call Renae Perry at 214.823.5700, or [sesd@theseniorsource.org](mailto:sesd@theseniorsource.org). Visit [www.theseniorsource.org](http://www.theseniorsource.org).

### April 8

Macy's Community Shopping Day to benefit the SPCA of Texas. Get your tickets from the SPCA for 20% discount on fashions and accessories, and 15% discount on jewelry, household goods and more. Valid at Macy's at the Galleria and at Stonebriar Mall in Frisco. \$10 each. The SPCA receives 100% of the money from the tickets it sells. Call 214.651.9611, ext 143.

### April 15

The Senior Source, Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas host a support group for older adults looking for work, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Topic "Getting The Most Out of a Job Fair". Free. Meets at 1215 Skiles Street, Dallas. RSVP required. Call Renae Perry at 214.823.5700, or [sesd@theseniorsource.org](mailto:sesd@theseniorsource.org). Visit [www.theseniorsource.org](http://www.theseniorsource.org).

### Support Groups

Healing Matters Grief Support Group meets the

fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death, or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For information call 972.519.1588.

DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972.783.8800.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Training For Excellence, Inc., Teen Mentoring Leadership Development Program needs teens, mentors, sponsors and volunteers for their program April 3 - October 10, every 2nd & 4th Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, at Lover's Lane United Methodist Church. Call 972.590.1343, 972.897.9932, or visit: [www.trainingforexcellence.org](http://www.trainingforexcellence.org)

The Plano Animal Shelter need volunteers over 16 years old to wash and walk the animals, help with clerical services and customer service. Foster homes are also needed while permanent homes are found for animals. Call 972.578.7510.

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# THE TRUTH CLINIC

## "No Child Left Behind" A Bureaucratic Mess

The corner stone of President Bush's education reform package, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act was signed into law on January 8, 2002. NCLB set in motion four basic education reform goals: stronger accountability for results, increased flexibility and local control, expanded options for parents, and an emphasis on proven teaching methods.

School administrators across the nation have been challenged by the tough new federal demands for improved student achievement, especially among poor and minority students.

On the second anniversary of the NCLB act, the law is coming under intense criticism. The three main criticisms of NCLB are that it is inadequately funded, unfairly holds schools accountable for student performance, and requires an onerous amount of student testing.

The Education Trust, an independent nonprofit organization whose mission is to work for the high academic achievement and forever closing the achievement gaps that separate low-income students and students of color from other students, recently addressed some of the NCLB issues.

They recognized that the law as written spelled out worthwhile objectives that committed the nation to excellence in education for all students. That the President has not adequately funded the NCLB law, however, is compromising efforts to make it work. The under-funding permits shifting the education debate from how to meet the goals and objectives to whether the goals and objectives can be met.

The education gap has been politicized to the point that what is right for the students—especially low income and

minority students—has been subverted by the political grandstanding. The result is an education system that is inefficient, ineffective and grossly unfair to the students.

A recent article in the Urban Advocate by Brian Perkins, Chairman of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Southern Connecticut State University, pointed out that a major bureaucratic fallacy of the NCLB law was there are no accountability measures other than those for schools. He states that while schools are at the core of academic progress there are many factors outside the school that impact achievement.

Every year, hundreds if not thousands of schools manage to slip by without teaching students how to read and write, let alone teaching them history, science, or mathematics. With limited resources and time, schools gravitate to serving the designers of standardized tests and the educational bureaucrats who enforce the punishments and dispense the rewards that accompany performance, rather than the taxing community that pays the education bill.

According to a recent Public Agenda Poll, more than half of Black parents call underachievement among Blacks a "crisis." The Education Trust's fact sheet substantiates the urban/suburban achievement gap. In reading, only 12% of African American 4th graders reach proficient or advanced levels, compared to 39% of white 4th graders. Even worse, 61% of African American 4th graders have not been taught to read at even the basic level. The story is worse in math with over two-thirds of African American 8th graders, below the basic achievement level compared to only 5% who reach the proficient level or above.

There are exceptions where African American students are at the norm or even above. But the fact that they are exceptions should be cause for concern when the nation's education policy is "No Child Left Behind."

In Texas, as in other states, the high-stakes tests do not measure or predict whether these future citizens will be able to apply critical thinking skills to their everyday situations. During many weeks of every school year, worthwhile learning activities are replaced with long hours of "teaching to the test" practice sessions.

And to what end? So that school superintendents and administrators can let teachers keep their jobs. Jobs that no longer challenge them to be innovative and create valuable lifelong learning experiences for students but only check their ability to teach to a standardized test?

Ever since the federal government became the master orchestrator of public education the system has been growing larger, more expensive and less effective. The community must realize that there is no one-size-fits-all plan for national education that will work.

Students, if they are to be leaders in their future endeavors, need to know how to read, write, speak, listen, sift and weigh evidence, discern the true from the false, the fact from the fiction, continuously learn, and work well with others. Students with these skills are better prepared for the real world than the typical curriculum developed by the educational bureaucrats who are content to ride a self-serving merry-go-round of creating an educational mess then endeavoring to fix it.

James W. Breedlove  
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com

## You & Your Government

### State

AUSTIN — State Senator Bob Duell (R-Greenville) has announced plans to form a Citizen Advisory Panel on Public School Finance made up of local leaders and constituents from Senate District Two.

The panel will be charged with reviewing public school finance proposals and submitting comments to Senator Duell and staff in preparation for a possible special session on the issue.

Duell said he assembling the panel to assist him in gauging the attitudes and desires of his constituents. He added that the panel will be made up of superintendents, school board members, business leaders, teachers, county and city elected officials, and other interested parties in District Two.

For more information on the Citizens Advisory Panel, contact Sen. Duell's office at 512.463.0102.

### Richardson ISD

Richardson's school board election will be canceled for the fourth consecutive year because only one candidate filed for each of the board's three open seats. And the Richardson school district will have its first African American trustee in the district's nearly 100-year history, David Tyson, who is unopposed for the Place 3 seat.

### City of Plano

The City of Plano Cultural Affairs Commission approved this week the guidelines and application forms for Small Arts Grants (up to \$1,000). Copies of the guidelines and an application may be requested from Jim Wear, Creative Arts Manager at 972.941.5202 or email: jimw@plano.gov. Completed applications are due back to the city on March 26 by 5:00 pm.

Eligibility is restricted to small, new and emerging arts organizations based in the City of Plano. Organizations that are not 501c (3) non-profits may apply to this program for a total of two years. After that time, it

will be required that a group will have acquired 501c (3) status. Applicants must present, perform, exhibit, conduct workshops or other arts and cultural activities for the citizens of Plano as well as for those audiences and participants attracted through the agency's marketing and promotion practices.

Organizations may apply to either the City of Plano's small or major grant program, but not to both.

### City of Garland

The Garland Police Department opened its new Detention Center recently, at 1900 W. State Street, next to the new Police Department at Forest Lane and State Street. The new facility has more than doubled the prisoner capacity and will accommodate Garland's needs well into the future. In the near future the new Police complex will be complete when the 911 center moves in, which is expected some time this summer.

## Black Voting Machine Inventor Dies

By Hazel Trice Edney  
NNPA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The African-American who invented a voting machine that he believed would remedy the problems that occurred during the 2000 presidential election has died only eight months before the next contest between George W. Bush and John Kerry.

Athan Gibbs Sr. of Nashville, who unveiled his invention of a computerized voting machine with paper receipts at the summer conference of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) in Atlanta three years ago, was killed when the SUV he was driving was hit from behind by a tractor trailer as he changed lanes in the morning of March 12. He was 57 years old.

Determined to win full federal certification for the TruVote System, Gibbs, an accountant, never saw his dream come true. However, his family and associates say they will pick up where he left off.

"It's going to go into full throttle," says his son, Jonathan Gibbs, executive director of a marketing firm and graduate of the University of Memphis. "I'll be one of the ball carriers."

Jonathan, 25, recalls his father being so disheartened by the developments during the loss of more than 200,000 votes in Florida and an estimated 4 to 6 million votes nationwide during in 2000 that he repeatedly sent him to Wal-Mart for at least 20 video cassette tapes to record the daily television coverage until the U. S. Supreme Court stopped the recounting of votes in Florida.

Ultimately, Jonathan Gibbs recalls, "He just figured out the way to fix this thing is to have an audit system. Whenever there's a problem with finance or numbers, you need some kind of accounting system."

In short, TruVote allows voters to touch the names of their candidates on a computer screen and receive paper receipts with an exclusive validation number. Then, as a backup, they could go to a Web site, punch in the validation number, and receive confirmation that their vote was recorded.

Over three years, Gibbs established the company, TruVote International, and spent about \$2 million, including thousands of his own dollars, to develop and market the TruVote system. Over the

past year, Microsoft had become a marketing partner when TruVote began utilizing its software.

"My father worked so extremely hard with this project," Jonathan says. "Me and my brother and my family have always been alongside him. It's like the construction worker, somebody's handing



Athan Gibbs and his TruVote System

him the hammer, somebody's handing him the nail, you know, while he worked on it."

An entrepreneur with 29 years of accounting and audit experience, including positions with the state of Tennessee, his own tax firm, and a consultant to the U. S. Department of Commerce' Minority Business Development Center in Nashville, Gibbs was tenacious.

That was evident in a telephone message that Gibbs left for this reporter March 11 around 3 P.M., less than 24 hours before his death.

"This paper audit trail that we pioneered almost two-and-a-half or three years ago, it is really in the forefront of the news right now," he said in the tape-recorded message. "Many states are looking at requiring a paper audit trail. When you get this message, please give me a call so that I can follow up with you and possibly get you to do a story on the need for the paper audit trail. The voter verifiable paper audit trail is the only system that can be used that will assure that all votes have been received, recorded and counted in the manner intended."

Within 10 minutes, he'd called back, this time speaking directly with this reporter, excited that his idea was increasingly catching on, promising to send the later package on TruVote for a follow-up story. He was also making plans for a conference, call with NNPA News Service

Editor-in-Chief George E. Curry and NNPA columnist Jim Clingman to discuss further coverage.

"He said, 'Jim, this thing is about to break,'" Clingman recalls Gibbs saying on the eve of his death. "He says, 'We're right at breakthrough now, but we need some national publicity on this system.' So, he wanted to go through NNPA to get it done."

Gibbs' daughter, Angela, 21, says her father's consciousness about voting went back much further than the 2000 election.

"One evening last summer when I came home from work, he showed me this book and there was a picture of African-Americans and they were being beaten and he was just telling me the story of the Civil Rights Movement and how they were trying to get the right to vote and trying to get different rights and he says that's what inspired him," says his daughter, a marketing

major at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. "And that's why he does what he does, because a lot of people fought to get the right to vote. And then it really upset him that even though they did get the right to vote, that their votes were more likely not to count."

Dorothy Gibbs, the widowed elementary school teacher, was not yet ready to discuss her husband's death. The daughter, Angela, says, "He had a never give up attitude. He was really persistent. He never believed in giving up. He wouldn't let us quit anything."

Gibbs' business associates remember him in the same way.

"I can honestly say that I have never in my life worked with a person on a project who was more dedicated," says Michael A. Grant, Gibbs' vice president for marketing. "He was a visionary. He had a fantastic idea. It was the right idea for the right time. It was a genuine concern for fixing what was broken with our democracy. And I give him credit because the whole country is now talking about an audit trail."

Adrienne Brandon, chief financial officer for TruVote, says only weeks ago Gibbs asked her, "If something happened to me, would you carry this on?" She says, "Even with him gone, we will."

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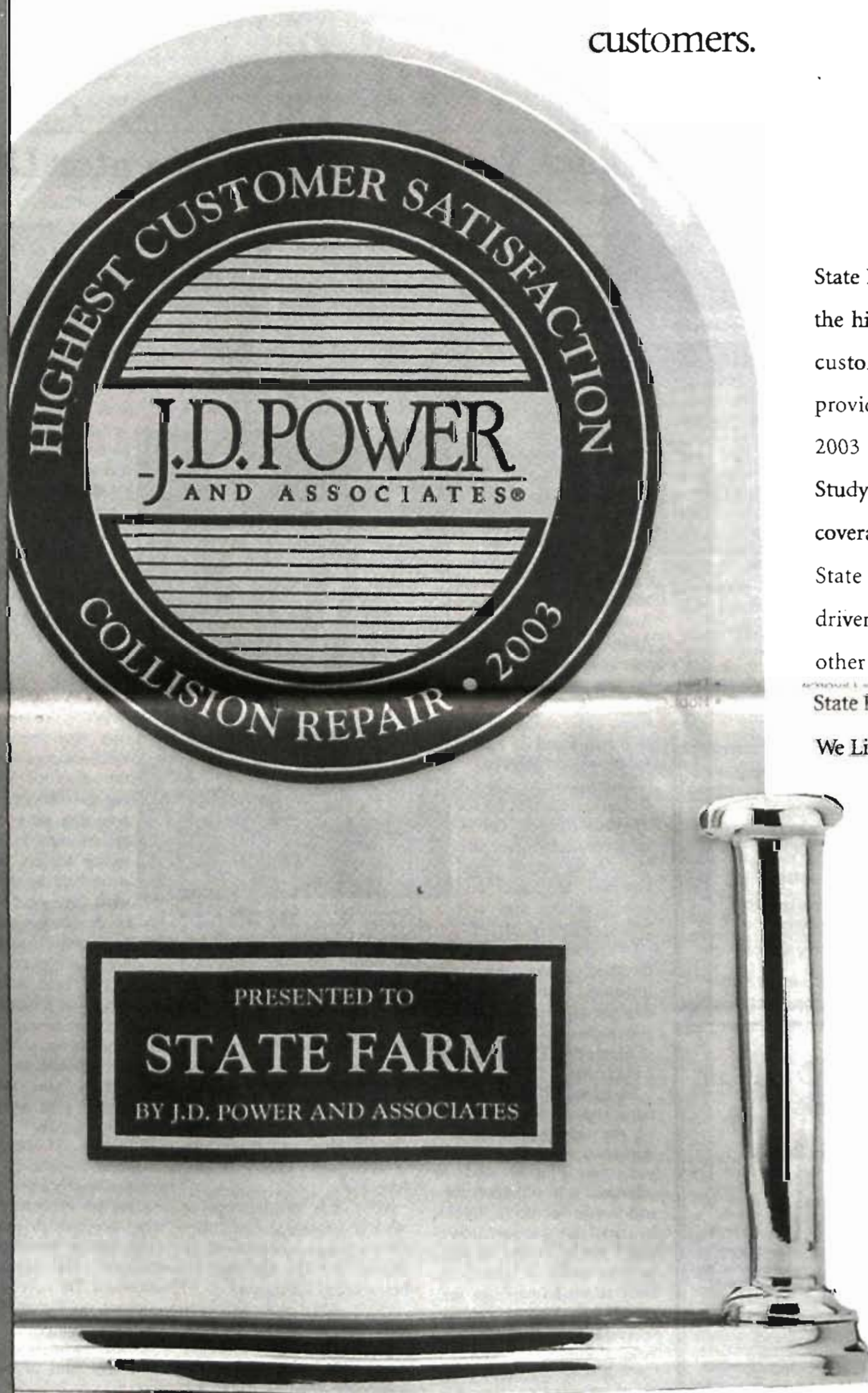
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# Local Marketing Firm Awarded Contract For The 2004 Pantene Total You Tour's Stop In Dallas

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DALLAS - Grassroots Promotions announced that Southwest Mobile Advertising, a local marketing and integrated communications firm is handling all of the local marketing initiatives for the 2004 Pantene Total You Tour. The PTYT will stop in Dallas Saturday, March 27.

The event will be held in The Centennial Building in Fair Park, Dallas, and the doors are set to open at 1 p.m. The PTYT includes a Forum in which African American female celebrities will discuss issues of total wellness. Panelists include world-renowned poetess Nikki Giovanni, fitness expert Donna Richardson, comedienne Myra J., Black Entertainment Television nightly news anchor Jacque Reid and 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live video jockey Free.

GRAMMY® award winner Yolanda Adams and

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Edrick Laney, principal and president of SMA, says that SMA was chosen out of several local marketing firms to handle all of the marketing and promotions efforts in Dallas.

"Our being chosen is a sign of the improving economic climate in Dallas/Fort Worth," he said. "We are proud to be working on this tour which will promote the physical and mental health of African American women, while boosting the local economy."

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UPS's inclusion in the WBENC "Elite Eleven" highlights the company's effort to provide opportunities to women- and minority-owned businesses. Through its supplier diversity program, UPS develops mentoring relationships with smaller companies and works with other major corporations to increase diversity among suppliers. In 2003, UPS spent more than \$187 million with women- and minority-owned firms.

"To be recognized by WBENC and our suppliers for five consecutive years is truly an honor for UPS," said UPS Chairman and CEO Mike Eskew, who participated in a White House recognition ceremony today. "The business relationships developed through the UPS Supplier Diversity Program continue to be of great benefit to UPS and our customers. The products and services we receive from our suppliers help us to synchronize commerce around the globe."

UPS has ranked among WBENC's "Top Corporations" since the inception of the list in 1999. With the Elite Eleven, WBENC recognizes corporations with world-class quality in supplier diversity programs featuring women-owned businesses.

For its fifth annual listing, WBENC surveyed Fortune 1000 U.S. companies for best practices on issues including senior management involvement; identification and development of WBEs; internal buyer education; program structure; development of mentor-protégé initiatives; resources and measurement, as well as internal and external communications. To compile its list, WBENC then formed a committee consisting of corporate representatives, women business leaders and women business advocates to

evaluate survey results.

Companies interested in participating in the UPS Supplier Diversity Program can visit the Supplier Diversity section of [www.community.ups.com](http://www.community.ups.com). Information on how to join the program, including an online application, is available through the web site.

UPS's commitment to diversity in all areas has been recognized by several notable organizations, including the National Urban League (2003 Corporate Leadership Award), the NAACP (2001 Corporate Citizen of the Year Award) and the Native American Business Alliance (2002 Corporation of the Year Award).

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# Aretha Franklin Released from Hospital



Aretha Franklin performing Sept. 4th (Stefan Zaklin/Reuters)

DETROIT (Reuters) - Pop diva Aretha Franklin, who suffers from hypertension, was released from a Detroit hospital on Wednesday, a day before her 62nd birthday.

"She's being discharged right now," Dr. Claud Young, Franklin's longtime personal physician, told Reuters.

"She responded very well to her treatment and she's doing just fine," he added.

He said the Motown legend had been in the Sinai-Grace Hospital since Saturday for treatment of a low platelet count,

a blood disorder that can lead to hemorrhaging.

The temporary disorder was caused either by a virus or an allergic reaction to antibiotics Franklin had taken earlier, Young said.

The condition triggered a rash-like skin outbreak that Young described as "superficial capillary bleeding" but he added that it was not related to Franklin's hypertension.

"She's got that under control," he said.

"Oh yes, she'll be there tomorrow," Young added, saying

Franklin planned to celebrate her birthday with friends and family in her Detroit-area home on Thursday.

The Memphis-born performer, who first grabbed the spotlight in the 1960s with hits such as "Respect," "Think" and "A Natural Woman," won a Grammy in February for best traditional R&B vocal performance for "Wonderful," a single off her latest release, "So Damn Happy."

Last year, she completed a nationwide concert tour, "The Queen is On."

## Slim Tour Pickings for Hip-Hop Fans

By Ray Waddell  
N A S H V I L L E (Reuters/Billboard) - It's a familiar rap in the world of hip-hop touring: ticket sales lag miles behind the music's success in other areas of the business.

Though dominant at radio and retail, rap placed only one artist among the top 25 tours of 2003, as 50 Cent rang up nearly \$23 million in ticket sales, much of it co-headlining with Jay-Z on the Roc-A-Me tour.

And, even if certain superstars confirm tours, little improvement is expected this year.

"I think this year, in terms of hip-hop touring, will be only slightly better than 2003 -- mediocre," says Phil Casey, who heads up the Los Angeles office for International Creative Management (ICM). "There'll be more shows this year, but Roc-A-Me was an event."

There are many theories as to why rap is a touring also-ran, but the bottom line is packaging. For rap to be successful, history shows it must be packaged, as evidenced by past multiartist tours ranging from Dr. Dre's Up in Smoke to Jay-Z's Hard Knock Life tours and the Cash Money label's packages.

Even the top performers in the genre -- 50 Cent, Nelly, Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, DMX, Jay-Z, Ja Rule and Busta Rhymes -- must have strong supporting casts to average 10,000 people per night.

Eminem, arguably the genre's top star, is no exception, selling out Detroit's Ford Field twice to the tune of \$5.3 million with Missy Elliott and 50 Cent last summer. His Anger Management tour in 2002 featured Ludacris, Papa Roach, Xzibit and the X-Ecutioners and grossed more than \$14 million and averaged a healthy 14,651 per-show attendance.

In terms of packaging, the combination of Beyonce, Elliott, Alicia Keys and Tania on the Verizon Ladies First tour is certainly star-studded, if tilted somewhat toward R&B. Sources say the Ladies First tour is notching sellout business in major markets, and tickets are moving slower but satisfactorily in smaller markets.

Some established hip-hop artists opt to tour with acts from other genres, like Snoop Dogg on Projekt Revolution with the Used, Korn and Linkin Park; Cypress Hill with

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the operations of the school district by serving as a link between the African American people and the district." Trained in mediation, Sennette said, "Our goal in any setting is...what is best for the children."

While presiding as principle for TYC, Sennette says the largest issue was the lack of education. "The average academic level was 5th grade while the average age was fifteen. Most of the offenses were those that generated income," said Sennette. Having the free-reign to design the academic program, Sennette developed a co-op,

linking the Texas A&M Extension Program and area organizations.

General contractors brought in large machinery for the student's hands-on training. "Recidivism dropped 20% because the rehabilitation structure produced employable skilled youths," said Sennette.

As Liaison, Sennette partners with the N.A.A.C.P., American Heart Association, Leadership Garland, P.T.A., and is visible at community activities. Serving also as the District link for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program, Sennette makes her presence known throughout the church community as well,

"Often times, I appeal to the Christian churches because many aren't aware that a Liaison exists. Situations arise where the parent or teacher may require the Liaison services of a neutral ear," said Sennette.

The implementation of the position, infers that the GISD has made strides to close the gap of division amongst the races. Sennette also provides staff development on recognizing and celebrating cultural diversity for district area schools.

A recent productive step included a book club with an elementary campus. Stephens Elementary, a recognized school at State level, is

endeavoring to achieve exemplary status. "They recognized the growing racial diversity in Rowlette and wanted to become more culturally aware," said Sennette. The book selected for their study is, "Working with Differences in Communities" by Ann C. Schaubert.

Excited about her key role as a voice for the children, Sennette is equally proud of her own two scholars. Son James, 22, is following in the educators footsteps, teaching in France, while daughter Leigh Ann, 18, is in Pre-Med at Spellman College in Atlanta.

Hats off to Sennette, for a job well done!

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program called, Voices of Hope, a youth empowering organization. Haynes contends that, "Being a part of the Body of Christ is recognizing you're not the only member."

Drawing from the literary well, Haynes has based his recent teachings from the popular series, "The Purpose Driven Church" by author Rick Warren. Haynes says that a "purpose" helps people to apply the principles of life. "My goal is to bring the Word of God in a palatable form to help people realize their purpose."

"Often times, Satan uses our desires to delay and distract our 'active' processes from doing something about our purpose. The key is to start doing something you haven't done," said Haynes. Further supporting his point, Haynes recite this mirroring, "Surfers don't make waves; they find waves. Once you begin, God will increase you in other areas."

The film industry has also played a recent impact on the "purpose driven pastor" as he comments on a recent blockbuster by Mel Gibson, "Since seeing the Passion of the Christ, I've been given a new focus. Director, Mel Gibson, brilliantly forced 'us' to

see a period of Christ's life nakedly. The criticism has been that Gibson didn't mix in the early stages of Christ's journey. We are always being placated with distractions. That period focused on the strength of Christ and His capacity to love. We were all guilty of whipping Jesus. We should all find reason to complain less about our lives," said Haynes.

Drawing illustrations from his sermon entitled "Teaching Love and Loving a Traitor," Haynes shares a nostalgic moment in history, "When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was marching with his daughter, a white man kicked her. Dr. King responded with, 'Please brother don't do that.'" Haynes summed up his consensus this way, "It took much more inner strength to say that than to physically retaliate," said Haynes.

Clearly there is much strength and compassion to draw from both "Kings."

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## Busta Rhymes Gets Six Months' Probation

FALL RIVER, Mass. - Rapper Busta Rhymes received six months' probation after pleading no contest Tuesday to a charge that he assaulted a woman during a concert.

Rhymes, whose real name is Trevor A. Smith Jr., was also ordered to pay \$300 in court costs. His record will be cleared if he successfully completes the probation term.

The rapper was performing a late-night gig in Fall River in December 2002 when Celine Giguere, of Providence, R.I., allegedly

reached out and touched his chin.

In a statement read in court, Rhymes said that when he saw Giguere reach for his face a second time, he grabbed her hand and said, "Please make sure you do not touch me again."

According to a police report, the rapper grabbed Giguere, shoved her head into a table and said, "If you try touching me again, I'll kill you."

Rhymes also filed an assault complaint against Giguere. She's scheduled to appear in court on that charge Wednesday.



Busta Rhymes  
(AP Photo/Brian Branch-Price)

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Blink-182; or Chingy with Christina Aguilera.

A Kanye West/Dilated Peoples tour goes out this spring, and other packages will doubtless surface. In addition to Usher, Ashanti and Joe, Casey and ICM are putting together a Dirty South Crunk package featuring Lil Jon, the Ying Yang Twins and others.

"This is the one area of hip-hop right now that seems to be selling through across the board," Casey says of Southern rap. "The key is to keep all these acts off the road until we're ready to do a real tour."

LIVE IN '04

It's even more disappointing for rap when its top stars are not on the road. A big question in 2004 is, Who's working?

"What's Nelly gonna do? What's 50 gonna do?" wonders Jason Miller, who programs rap for House of Blues Concerts (HOB) based out of Denver.

"People are expecting Dr. Dre will work when a record comes out, but nobody really knows when it's going to come out," Miller says.

And then there's OutKast, quite possibly the hottest hip-hop act on the planet at the moment. As of

now, the duo has no plans to tour, which is a disappointment to promoters and rap fans alike. Sources say OutKast's Big Boi and Andre 3000 want to work on separate projects and have turned down lucrative offers to tour.

"I don't know the specific politics surrounding this situation, but this would be a fantastic time for OutKast to tour," Miller says. "The overall industry would really embrace this act, should they decide to go out."

Likewise Eminem. "We haven't heard that Eminem will decide to tour, and if he does it would be the highlight of the season," Miller says.

Part of the problem in touring development for hip-hop is the difficulty in convincing platinum-level acts to take the time and effort to build a touring base when studio work is so much more lucrative and efficient in the short term.

"That's why we're having this conversation right now about the state of hip-hop touring," ICM's Casey says. "Sooner or later, these acts will realize they can't depend on the revenue from recording and publishing to pay all the bills. Touring will become a much more important revenue source for them."

### Blackonomics Page 1

Black tourism dollars. It also did not tell you that while Blacks comprise 50 percent of this city's population, only a few "chosen" ones ever get in on the money deals.

They did not tell you that Mayor Luken, on the day after the announcement of the convention's decision, also said, "This is a victory against the boycotters." This is the same mayor who called Nathaniel Jones, the brother killed by the police, a 400-pound lethal weapon, and suggested the boycotters were terrorists. Nor did they tell you that the final autopsy report for Jones indicated he died from positional asphyxiation rather than what the coroner indicated when Jones was killed, i.e., drugs. If the cops had not placed Jones on his stomach, something their own manual tells them not to do with people who are heavy, maybe he would not have died that night despite the tremendous beating they gave him.

The mayor did not tell you that city officials are being sued because they stood by, and some say assisted, while 500 families were put out of their homes under false pretenses. The land on which they lived was turned over by the mayor for "development" to a "chosen" group. Oh yes, one of his friends is in on the \$13 million taxpayer-subsidized deal.

They did not tell you about Cincinnati's riverfront development, where a "Freedom Museum" will open in the summer of 2004 but yet a Black development team was not allowed to bid on other projects named for that same site. A Black development team, par excellence, submitted qualifications to bid on the \$800 million Cincinnati project, The Banks, and was not even allowed to make a bid on even one of the eight blocks to be developed; three all-White teams were given that right.

Finally, they did not tell you that despite the actions taken against this city by those of us who are willing to stand against injustice, both criminal and economic, the

status quo remains. Cincinnati is still no place for Black people, or anyone of goodwill and righteousness for that matter, to come and spend their money.

The Baptist Convention leaders have their own consciences to deal with for giving the mayor a hammer with which to beat Cincinnati Black folks over our heads. You would think, however, that they would have a bit more decency and compassion for their brothers and sisters who have fought this battle for nearly three years now. But the real deal was disclosed in an article in our local paper; it gave the real reasons for the convention coming to Cincinnati.

While the local Black church leader said they were coming because it was "good for African-Americans," we all found out which African-Americans he meant. The convention officials will get free use of the new convention center, limousines and sedans, \$50,000 for a banquet, four free roundtrips with full accommodations, a \$10 per

room-night rebate, and other perks. Sound like a great deal? You better believe it is.

Maybe the rest of our Black organizations should call the Cincinnati Convention and Visitors' Bureau and demand the same perks while the vault to the city is open. That is, if you are willing to trounce on the memories of your brothers who were killed by Cincinnati cops, if you want to ignore the gross economic exclusion of your brothers and sisters in this city, if you choose to turn your head away from the 500 families who were put out of their homes under false pretenses, if you want to sweep the racist comments of a local police officer caught on tape under the carpet, and if you want to accept a county prosecutor, Mike Allen, who called a Black city councilman a "loud-mouth little punk" and always over-prosecutes Blacks while under-prosecuting Whites. If you don't care about the plight of the overwhelming majority of Black people in Cincinnati, as

Bob Barker says, "C'mon down!" And bring your money with you.

As I always say, everything always boils down to money. It's too bad and quite sad that some of our Black "leaders" will do just about anything, even to the detriment of their own people, to get some of it.

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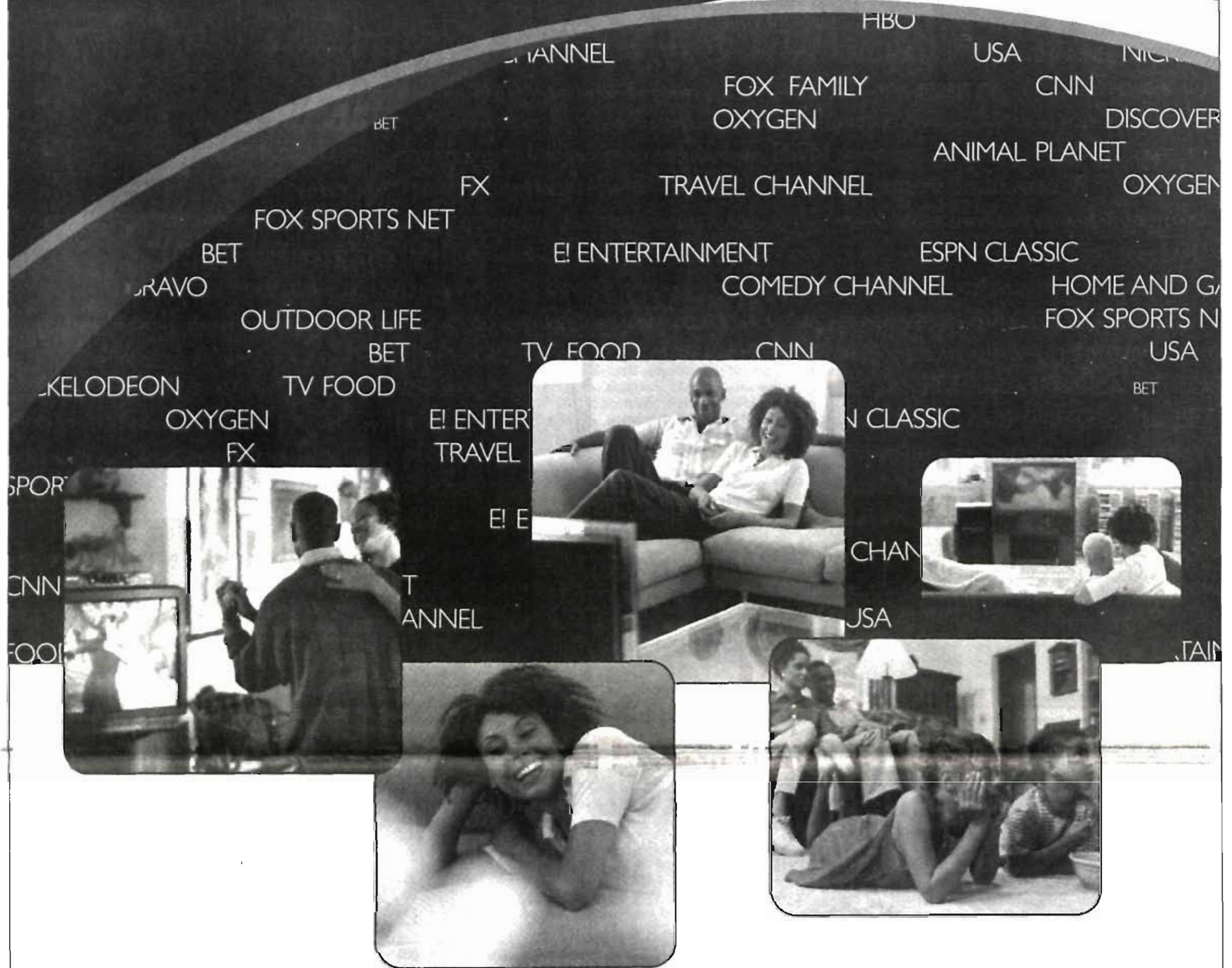
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Johnson Family Vacation, Starring Cedric The Entertainer, Bow Wow, Vanessa Williams and Steve Harvey, Solange Knowles

AAA can't help the roadside emergency that is the JOHNSON FAMILY VACATION. Even the onboard navigation system has a meltdown on Nate Johnson (Cedric The Entertainer) and his family's cross-country trek to their annual family reunion/grudge match. Reluctantly along for the ride are Nate's wife (Williams), who's only in it for the kids; their rapper-wannabe son (Bow Wow); their teenage daughter (Solange Knowles) who's fashioned herself as the next Lolita; and their youngest (Gabby Soleil), whose imaginary dog Nate just can't seem to keep track

of. Can the Johnsons survive each other and all the obstacles the road throws at them to make it to



Gabby Soleil, Vanessa Williams, Solange Knowles, Bow Wow and Cedric The Entertainer in JOHNSON FAMILY VACATION. Photo Credit: Sidney Baldwin

Caruthersville, Missouri? Can they find Missouri?

The film boasts an ensemble cast that includes

Cedric The Entertainer (BARBERSHOP), Vanessa L. Williams (SHAFT), Bow Wow (LIKE MIKE), Solange

Knowles in her feature film debut, the multiple award-winning Steve Harvey ("The Steve Harvey Show") and Gabby Soleil ("The Hughleys").

JOHNSON FAMILY VACATION marks the feature film directorial debut for music video and commercial director Christopher Erskin

who has helmed vids for a wide range of artists including TLC, Missy Elliot and Boyz II Men and created national ads for brands such as Pontiac and Foot Locker. It is also a first for screenwriter siblings Todd R. Jones ("C-Bear and Jamal") and Earl Richey Jones ("The Hughleys").

The film is produced by Paul Hall (HIGHER LEARNING, WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE?, Exec. Producer SHAFT); Eric C. Rhone and Cedric The Entertainer, who previously co-produced "Cedric The Entertainer: Starting Lineup" and "Cedric The Entertainer Presents..."; and Wendy Park of Hallway Pictures.

## Never Die Alone Starring DMX, David Arquette, Michael Ealy, Reagan Preston-Gomez

Based on cult novelist Donald Goines' novel of the same name, NEVER DIE ALONE is a richly literate film noir about King David (DMX), a hard-boiled, stylish criminal who returns to his hometown seeking redemption but finding only violent death. But he did not die alone...King David's final moments are spent with Paul (David Arquette) an aspiring journalist who knew him just a few minutes but upon whose life he would forever have an impact. King David - half preacher, half Satan, and all street smarts - had recorded the story of his recent exploits on audiotape, leaving behind an often-poetic sermon on villainy and its consequences. The tapes reveal that the cycle of violence and retribution his actions have spawned has come back on him full circle, as he suspected it might all

along...

One of the most prolific and widely read black authors of his generation, Donald Goines wrote his first two books while incarcerated, and followed those with an astonishing 16 novels written from the time he was released from prison in 1970 until he was shot to death in 1974. The film is directed by Ernest Dickerson whose directorial debut was the 1992 drama JUICE, starring Omar Epps and the late Tupac Shakur. Previously Dickerson served as Director of Photography on seven of Spike Lee's early films up to and including MALCOLM X. He has directed a number of feature and made-for-TV films from the recent horror movie BONES starring Snoop Dogg to the Peabody Award-

winning Showtime movie "Strange Justice," based on the controversy surrounding Anita Hill and Clarence



Reagan Gomez-Preston and DMX in NEVER DIE ALONE. Photo Credit: Dale Robinette

Thomas. Dickerson most recently directed the drama GOOD FENCES, starring Danny Glover and Whoopi Goldberg, which had its world premiere at the 2003

Sundance Film Festival.

DMX is a top rap artist who has also found great success in the film business. He starred opposite Jet Li in CRADLE 2 THE GRAVE and also appeared in BELLY, ROMEO MUST DIE and EXIT WOUNDS, for which he received a Blockbuster Breakthrough Actor nomination. His first four albums debuted at number one and sold well over 22 million records in just four years. David Arquette starred in the box office smash hits SCREAM 1, 2 and 3, which won him the Blockbuster Favorite Actor Award in 1998. For his leading role in NEVER BEEN KISSED, he was awarded the 2000 Blockbuster Award for Favorite Supporting Actor. He recently drew acclaim for his portrayal of an inmate at Auschwitz II-Birkenau in Tim Blake Nelson's drama THE GREY ZONE.

## Jersey Girl



Set in New York and New Jersey, circa 1996, Jersey Girl follows Ollie Trinke (Ben Affleck), a slick music promoter whose wife (Jennifer Lopez) is about to give birth to their first child. But a tragic accident leaves Ollie a

widower tasked with raising a child by himself. He moves back in with his father (George Carlin) in Jersey, where he meets a flirtatious grad student (Liv Tyler).

Starts March 26, 2004

## Walking Tall



After returning home from serving his country overseas, Chris Vaughn (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) finds his hometown infested with drugs and crime. Picking up a four-by-four, the man begins kicking butt and taking names in an effort to clean the place up. Rate PG-13

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## Author, Pastor Encourages Multiculturalism in the Church

Columbia, MD - In a nation where questionable radio content, a surge in the immigrant population and segregated churches are dividing many Americans, Dr. David A. Anderson, Pastor of Bridgeway Community Church in Columbia, MD, is sharing his message of faith and racial reconciliation through multicultural ministry.

In his new book, "Multicultural Ministry: Finding Your Church's Unique Rhythm," (Zondervan 2004) Dr. Anderson challenges people from all ethnic backgrounds to move beyond traditional comfort zones, interact more frequently and become spiritually empowered through multicultural fellowship.

Dr. Anderson's multicultural message is more relevant today than ever before. As the nation inevitably becomes a country of color, Dr. Anderson talks directly to the millions of Americans who are struggling with the ever-changing social landscape.

"Multiculturalism isn't a trend; it's a reality," said Dr. Anderson. "Evidence of this country's rich racial mix is all around us in our schools, our stores, our neighborhoods, our recreational facilities - everywhere except our churches."

"Heaven may include every culture, tongue, and tribe, but in the United States, Sunday morning remains one of the last bastions of ethnic separatism. It's time to stop merely talking about multicultural worship and start living it," he said.

In this groundbreaking book, Dr. David Anderson invites us all - African-American, Asian, Caucasian, Latino, and Native American - to

celebrate our diversity and build a foundation for cultural understanding.

As Dr. Anderson demonstrates, multicultural ministry is becoming more successful in many churches across America. He shares the stories and insights of how he's built a community of African-American, Asian, Caucasian, and Latinos in an



Author - Dr. David A. Anderson

east coast city rooted in a common commitment to Christ. Uniquely, this book isn't a dream about what might happen, it tells what is already happening flowing out of an understanding of the Bible's teachings on racial reconciliation.

"Like drinking from segregated water fountains, Christians receive their spiritual sustenance from segregated watering holes called Church," said Dr. Anderson.

"Millions of Christians wake up on Sunday mornings, get themselves and their children dressed and loaded in

their vehicles only to drive to their white churches, black churches, Latino and Asian churches to worship the Almighty God of unity and peace," he said.

"I wrote Multicultural Ministry: Finding Your Church's Unique Rhythm to give vision and voice to the need for racial reconciliation within the body of Christ," Dr. Anderson said. "In addition, I offer inspiring stories and practical examples of how churches can tear down the dividing walls of racial division and learn the art of dancing with others on the floor of multicultural ministry."

Dr. Anderson is the Pastor of Bridgeway Community Church in Columbia, Maryland, where he has served for 12 years. He offers diversity training for several large corporations and is also the host of Reconciliation Live, a radio talk show on WAVA (105.1 FM) and 1230AM -- the largest Christian radio station in the Washington, D.C. area. The program airs every Sunday night, 9-11pm, or log and listen live at [www.ReconciliationLive.com](http://www.ReconciliationLive.com)

Nearly 2,000 adults attend Bridgeway's three Sunday services and two video cafés, including about 300 children who attend the church's diverse children's ministry each week. Bridgeway is one of the fastest-growing multicultural churches in the Washington, D.C.-Baltimore area.

Dr. Anderson is available to discuss his new book, "Multicultural Ministry: Finding Your Church's Unique Rhythm," and share his thoughts about why Bridgeway Community Church continues to attract people from diverse backgrounds every Sunday morning.

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Last year, Mercedes-Benz added the C320 Sport Sedan to its C-Class lineup, adding a fun drive with plenty of safety features while at the same time pampering its occupants. Inside and out, the C320 exudes Benz excellence, with a low hoodline, arched roofline, triangular taillights, and a soft-touch interior with pleasingly textured surfaces all around.

The C320 is both sporty and affordable, and comes with 17-inch wheels, a sport-tuned suspension, cloth sport seats, dual-zone climate control and a cassette stereo. Other standard features include multi-function steering wheel with easy entry/exit feature, electric adjustable tilt and telescoping steering column, cruise control, intermittent wipers and automatic headlamps with

twilight sensor and locator lighting. You'll also get a 10-speaker Bose stereo and 10-way power seats with memory. And its options list is extensive, including full leather upholstery, a glovebox-mounted



CD changer, bi-HID headlights, a CD-based navigation system and a panorama sunroof.

The C320 lives up to its sports category with a 3.2-liter V6 with 215 hp, and 221lb-ft of torque, at 3000-4600 rpm, comes with a five-speed electronic controlled automatic

transmission, and is rear-wheel drive.

Safety hasn't been forgotten with all the sports features. The C320 comes with four-wheel antilock disc brakes and three-point

seatbelts with tension limiters for all occupants, stability control and eight airbags that include head-protecting side curtain airbags. And in government crash tests, it scored four out of five stars for driver

and front-passenger protection in frontal impacts and five stars (for the front and rear) for side impacts. It also received a "Good" rating, (its highest), from the IIHS for its performance in the 40-mph frontal offset crash test, and was named their "Best Pick" overall.

### Black Press Page 1

NNPA his first interview after the fall of Baghdad, will receive the Newsmaker of the Year Award. The West Point graduate served as chief spokesman for Operation Iraqi Freedom during its combat before the fall of Baghdad. He was also deputy director of operations at the war headquarters in Doha, Qatar, the United States Central Command.

"Normally, people that present the news don't become newsmakers themselves," says Townsend. "He was so impressive the way he kept America informed about the daily activities of Iraqi Freedom

that we thought it important to highlight that an African-American really was the focal point during that time frame...He did a yeoman's job."

Height, 82, is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for her public career that has spanned more than 65 years, including her presidency of the NCNW since 1957. She also received the Congressional Gold Medal in celebration of her lifetime of achievements.

Jones, the first female director-counselor of the LDF and only the fourth in its 62-year history, is receiving the NorthStar Community Service Award. She will be retiring May 1 after heading the organization

for 11 years. Among other things, she led legal efforts that eventually led to President Clinton granting a pardon to Kemba Smith, the 24-year Virginian who was given a mandatory sentence of 24 years for her minor role in a drug ring.

The publishers will also participate in an annual ceremony in the Browsing Room at Howard University, which houses Black Press archives and a shrine honoring deceased heroes and heroines of the Black Press, says Townsend. "There will be a program to highlight the distinguished publishers who are currently enshrined."

### Motivational Speaker Page 2

- Make a decision and stick to it.

- Prepare your child/children to be a positive influence in the world.

- Education must be a priority. When a child decides he/she doesn't like school and doesn't want to go, a good thing to say is, "The clothes and shoes that I bought will go to school."

- Be a person of devotion to God by doing it God's way.

- You must be dedicated; being a parent is a full time job.

- Whatever you do, do it in love, and be diligent.

- Discipline—Discipline—Discipline! Say it, mean it and do it!

- You must have determination, being a good parent takes work!

Rev. Giles said that if a child is going to be at his/her best, it's important and necessary that he/she must get enough sleep. "A child that does not get enough sleep can be very fussy, irritable, aggressive and of

course may not be able to learn or play well with other children," Rev. Giles quoted Dr. Paul Rounneliotis (Dr. Paul), a certified American Board of Pediatrics and the Royal College of Physicians.

Rev. Giles shared a chart of Dr. Paul's with the audience "Typical Sleep Requirements in Children (24 Hours)."

- A 1-week old child needs 16.5 hours of sleep with 8 naps per day.

- A 1 to 3 months old child needs 15 plus hours of sleep with 6 naps per day.

- A 6 to 9 months old child needs 14 plus hours of sleep with 5 to 6 naps per day.

- A 1 to 2-years old child needs 13 plus hours of sleep with 1 to 3 naps per day.

- A 3-years-old child needs 12 hours sleep with 1 nap per day.

- A 4 to 5-years-old child needs 11 plus hours of sleep per day, no required naps.

- A 6 to 9-years-old child needs 10 plus hours of sleep per day.

- A child that is 10 to 14-years-old needs 9 plus hours of sleep per day.

- A child that is 15 to 18-

years-old needs 8 plus hours of sleep per day.

In addition to her preaching and speaking, Rev. Giles conducts workshops, seminars and Staff Development sessions for schools, churches, businesses, and various organizations.

For inquiries and bookings Rev. Giles can be reached at Christ and Common Sense, 214-275-4035 or [www.marlyngiles.com](http://www.marlyngiles.com).

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## Sister Tarpley

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But, you know, in the 20-plus years I've been a believer, I've discovered another, much more effective kind of medicine: **The Word of God.** There's never been a miracle drug that could equal it. God's medicine is the answer to every need. It is life. It is health. It is the power of God. And if you put it in your heart and act on it, you will be healed.

Sometimes people ask, "If God's medicine works every time, why are there so many believers who are still sick?" There are two reasons. Number one, because they don't take the time to plant **The Word** concerning healing deeply into their heart. And number two, because they don't do what **The Word** tells them to do.

Think of it like this: If a doctor prescribes medicine for you to swallow daily and you decide to rub it on your chest instead, that medicine isn't going to work for you. You have to follow the instructions and use it properly if you expect to get well, don't you? In the same way, if you read God's prescription for health and don't act on it, you won't reap any of

its benefits.

Proverbs 4:22 says that God's Words are life and health to you. So don't wait until you get sick to start using them. Start now. Begin to put **God's Word** in your heart in abundance and it will be hard for you to get sick. **The Word** within you will constantly be keeping God's healing power



**Sister Tarpley's Picture of the week**  
Minister Monique Woods of "A Silhouette of Glory Dance Ministry" located in DeSoto, Texas. She danced "heavenly" at a recent Shirley Clark International Ministries' Congressional Prayer Conference

at work in you. And don't worry. There's no limit to the amount of God's medicine you can take. You can't get an overdose. The more you take, the stronger you get.

**START GROWING STRONG TOAY.** Scripture Study: Proverbs 4:20-27

--Frank Ortiz  
**FUNNY ISN'T IT?**

## GOD'S MEDICINE

Funny how a \$20 bill looks so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the market. Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of basketball.

Funny how long a couple of hours spent at church are, but how short they are when watching a movie.

Funny how we don't want to tell someone our feelings about God although it may change their life, but we have no problem debating politics or sports, or any other subject. Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best selling novel. Funny how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert but scramble to get a back seat at a church service.

Funny how hard it is for people to learn a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.

Funny how we believe what the newspaper says, but question what the Bible says. Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven provided they don't have to believe or to think or to say, or to do anything.

**FUNNY, ISN'T IT? Are you laughing? Are you thinking?**

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Let **MON-The Gazette** help your church accomplish the Prayer of James, "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him."

## Church Happenings

### ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Through April 7, 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm  
Lenten Devotional Services - Each Wednesday evening during Lent, after Ash Wednesday.

*Sundays until further notice*  
The 8:45 am Lectorial Bible Study class is cancelled  
*Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00 am*

Yoga Classes  
For more information concerning the above events, call 972-424-8500.

All Nations UMC  
Dr. Chars Reed, Pastor  
3415 East 14th Street  
Plano, TX 75074  
972-424-8500

### CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CME TEMPLE OF FAITH CHURCH

*Mondays, 6:00 am - 7:00 am*  
House of Prayer

Christian Chapel CME Temple of Faith Church  
Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., Pastor  
14120 Noel Road  
Dallas, TX 75240  
972-239-1120

### FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF DALLAS

*Tuesdays, March 26, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm*  
Lecture, "Why Racial Problems Won't Go Away" - Dr. Thandeka

For more information, call 214-528-3900.

First Unitarian Church of Dallas  
Sanctuary  
Dr. Laurel Hallman, Senior Minister  
4015 Normandy @ Preston Road  
Dallas, TX 75295  
214-528-3900

### GREENVILLE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

*3rd Sunday of Each Month*  
Free blood pressure screening in the gym after evening services

For times and room number, call 972-644-2335.

*Sundays After Evening Services in the Auditorium*

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Greenville Avenue Church of Christ

Minister S. T. W. Gibbs, III, Pastor  
1013 South Greenville Avenue  
Richardson, TX 75081  
972-644-2335

### HAMILTON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*April 15-17, 9:00 am & 7:00 pm*

2004 Prayer Summit

Guest Pastors:  
Pastor Suzanne Caldwell, Kingdom Builders Prayer Institute in Houston, TX

Pastor Geoff Buck from Ft. Lauderdale, FL and the author of "Breaking Generational Curses"

Dr. Kimberly Daniels, Spoken Word Ministries in Jacksonville, FL

Germaine Copeland from Roswell, GA and the author of "Prayers that Avail Much"

For more information, call 972-235-4633, Ext. 7.

Hamilton Park UMC  
Rev. Derrick Wright, Senior Pastor  
11881 Schroeder Road  
Dallas, TX 75243  
972-235-4633

### KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

*This Sunday, March 27, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm*

Home Buyer's Seminar - hosted by KSBC and Chase Mortgage. Free and open to the public

*April 3, 5:00 pm*  
Evening of Inspirational Music & Praise Dance

*April 6, 10:45 am*  
Anniversary Celebration - 4th Year Appreciation Service

Please call 972-735-8077 for more information.

Keller Springs Baptist Church  
Rev. Larry J. Sanders, Sr., Pastor  
3227 Keller Springs Road  
Carrollton, TX 75006  
972-735-8077

### LITTLE FLOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

*Sundays @ 6:30 pm*

We now have Sunday Evening Services, come worship with us

*April 4 @ 3:00 pm*

Church members, family and friends will celebrate Pastor & Sister Laurent's First Anniversary. Pastor Sam Fenceroy of Mt. Olive Church of Plano will be the guest speaker and featuring the local favorite singing sensation "The Remnant." THE PUBLIC IS

WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED TO COME.

Little Flock Baptist Church  
Rev. Louis E. Laurent, Senior Pastor  
704 East Almer Street  
P.O. Box 903 (Mailing Address)  
Forney, TX 75126  
214-325-7021

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Rev. Louis E. Laurent, Senior Pastor  
704 East Almer Street  
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### MESQUITE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

*2nd & 4th Sundays*

Blood pressure screenings available after 11:00 am service

Spring 2004 enrollment for the Institute for Christian Growth is underway. Contact Rev. Leon Moore for details @ 972-329-5030, Ext. 28.

Mesquite Friendship BC  
Rev. Terry M. Turner, Pastor  
2232 Franklin Drive  
Mesquite, TX 75150  
972-329-5030

### MORSE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

*April 5-6, 7:00 pm nightly*

Annual Spring Revival  
Guest Speaker - Rev. James Boyd, Zion Gate Missionary Baptist Church, Columbus, MS

For more information, call 940-320-5364.

Morse Street Baptist Church  
Rev. A. R. Stokes  
921 Morse Street  
Denton, TX 76205  
940-320-5364

### MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO

*There are now two Sunday Morning Services!*

Early Morning Worship Service @ 8:00 am and regular Sunday Morning Worship @ 11:00 am

*April 5, 7:00 pm*  
Seven preachers will speak on "The Seven Last Sayings of Christ"

*April 11, 8:00 am & 11:00 am*  
"Where is Your Passion Leading You?"

For more information, call 972-633-5511.

Mt. Olive Church of Plano  
Rev. Sam Fenceroy, Pastor  
740 Avenue F  
Plano, TX 75075  
972-633-5511

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### New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas

Sunday Service  
Morning Worship  
7:30 am & 10:30 am  
9:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday Service  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Brotherhood 7:00 pm  
Missions 7:00 pm  
Singles Group 7:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:45 pm



Dr. Robert E. Price,  
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1013 S. Greenville Avenue • Richardson, TX 75081  
972-644-2335 (Office) • 972-644-9347 (Fax)

www.GreenvilleAvenueChurchOfChrist.org (Website)

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Sunday** - Early Morning Worship . . . 7:45 am  
- Bible Class . . . . . 9:30 am  
- Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 am  
- Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 pm  
**Wednesday** - Prayer Service . . . . . 7:00 pm  
- Bible Class . . . . . 7:30 pm  
**Thursday** - Bible Class . . . . . 11:00 am

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### Friendship Baptist Church

Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor



### Schedule of Services:

**Sunday**

Early Morning Worship

8:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting and 7:30 p.m.

Evening Bible Study

4396 Main Street

The Colony, Texas 75056

(972) 625-8186

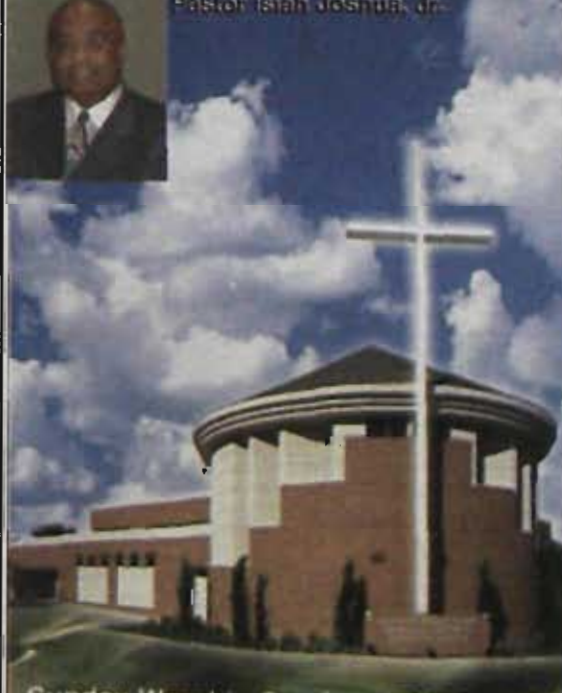
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Jueves: 7:30 pm

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## Hill Middle School Students Learn Reverence in Karate Instruction

By Anthony Jones

Students at Robert T. Hill Middle School in northeast Dallas have come to know the reverence and the true spirit of competition that Rev. Tracey Anderson, "The Chaplain" Anderson, their teacher, has shown them through example and intensive training.

With three black belts in karate, Anderson has been involved in the Martial Arts since 1979. He won the Golden Greek Award in 2001. On the USA Karate Team, Anderson took the first place gold medal in sparring and the bronze medal in the forms competition at the 2002 Olympics in Venezuela.

Since then, Anderson, 40, has been teaching karate five days a week at Hill Middle School, 505 Easton Road. The program, is provided through KickStart, an organization that promotes karate, formed by Chuck Norris, in 1990.

"I got an offer to work for Chuck Norris (KickStart chairman)," Anderson said. "I am teaching all three of the Arts (Karate, Japanese, Tai Kwon Do, Korean, and Aikido) of karate as an elective."

"The Chaplain", which is what his students call him, says he is very content with what he and his students have been able to accomplish at the school. But for Anderson the job prospect was small potatoes compared to the paths he had taken from his hometown in Albany, GA, that led him to karate championship as

well as to a higher level of spiritual awareness.

"There was a time when I was growing up - I was very good at talking but my sister would do the fighting," Anderson said. "I'd just yell Teresa. Because of that my mother started me in the Martial Arts in the eighth grade. Jesse Thornton was my instructor in Dalton, GA. - that's the Carpet Capitol of the world."

Anderson began a change in his life that started with his uncle, Eugene Henderson taking him to a Martial Arts school. "That was the seed and how it was planted," he said, and then he began regular karate lessons at the Dalton Recreation Center, where his mother Julia Wofford worked as an assistant manager.

"I started reading books - I was trying to teach myself Num-Chucks and hit myself in the head and that's where Jesse Thornton came into the picture," he said, explaining that through Thornton's instruction, he was able to attain an orange belt.

And while religion was always part of his life, simultaneously, Anderson began a spiritual journey that was also prompted by his Uncle Eugene and led him to be known as "The Chaplain."

"He's been a great witness of Christ," Anderson said. "He emphasized character and morals. He was my role model."

Thornton relocated his karate school about 25 miles from Dalton. When Anderson told him that he could not afford

the cost of the trip as well as the lessons, Thornton gave him an unpaid job as custodian and assistant instructor on his promise that he would show up in a clean and pressed uniform. Anderson later set two goals under the training of Karate Master Ben Kiker: To fight full contact and make the Olympic team.

By 1982, Anderson became well-known in the southeast region by winning first place in his first tournament.

"It blew their minds," he said. "It's not often that someone wins first place in their first tournament. From that point on it happened every time I went out and I had my first full contact tournament with a red belt."

At his first international competition in Atlanta, Anderson met Norris, who at that time held the World Championship in karate. Anderson took first place and won first \$300, "but I told him I was more interested in the trophy."

From there his career took off, including wins at the Blue Grass National and championships in Alabama, Florida, and Louisiana. He was nationally ranked when he went into the U.S. Army through the ROTC at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1986, where he served over 10 years.

At the time, Anderson was also working for IBM and met wife, Georgia, who lived in Chattanooga. "She had a great name so it started everything," he said.

Anderson says "black belt" stands for all-knowing and the spirituality that the phrase implies came full force, calling him to the ministry.

"The spirit locked me down," he said. "Finally, I came to the conclusion that it was from God."

He got his Bible and read Second Timothy fourth chapter and concluded: "God had called me to be an evangelist."

But he said he did not have the skills or equipment to do it at that time. He asked God for a tutor and another "coincidence" played out in his life. Rev. Wayne Johnson, who was pastor of his hometown church,



Tracey Anderson

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#### NEW GRACE CHURCH

April 9, 7:00 pm

Seven preachers will speak on "The Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross"

New Grace Church  
Rev. John E. Allen, Pastor  
817 Lavon Drive  
Garland, TX 75040  
972-276-6051

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OF DALLAS

This Saturday, March 27, 2004 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in The Family Life Center

FREE College Entrance 101 Seminar for students in Grades 7 through 11 and their parents or guardians. The seminar encourages middle and high school students to get an early start on preparing to go to college. Refreshments will be served @ 9:30 and 12 Noon.

For more information and registration forms call Bro. James McQuirter @ 214-460-0537 or visit [www.cel01.com](http://www.cel01.com)

March 28, 2004, 3:00 pm  
Church Anniversary - Dr. Denny Davis will be the Guest Minister

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas  
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214-341-6459

#### NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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Retreat Package for two nights, there are two double beds per Room. Package cost per person, Double is \$168.00; Triple is \$144.00 and Quad is \$132.00. Registration ends March 30.

For more information concerning the retreat, email Barbara Miller at [bacmiller@comcast.net](mailto:bacmiller@comcast.net) or Pamela Caston at [caston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caston@sbcglobal.net).

Thursday, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Support Group-Healing Past Wounds Held in Youth Library, Room D204

For more information, contact Tera McFarland at 972-437-3493, Ext. 111

Saturday, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

A refresher course in Spanish in Bldg 1010, Room D218

For more information, contact Anita Jarrell at 214-364-0330.

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship  
Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor/Teacher  
302 Centennial Blvd.  
Richardson TX 75081-5057  
972-437-3493

#### PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

April 15, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

3rd Annual Praise Dance Celebration - "Dancing with a Purpose"

Registration Roundup & Pre-Gala Celebration  
April 16, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
April 17, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Dance workshop

April 18, 4:00 pm  
Praise Dance Celebration  
For more information, call 214-823-7308.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church  
Rev. C. W. Wallace, Pastor  
1819 N. Washington Avenue  
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214-823-7308

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Dr. Rickie G. Rush, Senior Pastor  
7710 South Westmoreland  
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972-572-IBOC (4262)

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH  
This Saturday, March 27, 8:00 am  
Women's Prayer Breakfast  
April 23-24

2004 Annual Women's Retreat @ the Embassy Suites in Grapevine, the theme: Faithful and on fire for the Lord.

For more information on these two events, call 972-221-5668.

Westside Baptist Church  
Rev. Kenneth Blake, Senior Pastor  
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Lewisville, TX 75067  
972-221-5668

**The Inspiring Body of Christ Church**  
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Monday School: 7 pm  
Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00 pm  
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MONDAY  
6:30 pm - Missions • 7:00 pm - Brotherhood  
WEDNESDAY  
6:00 pm - Teacher's Meeting  
7:00 pm - Prayer & Midweek Lesson  
SATURDAY  
10:00 am thru 1:00 pm  
Youth Activities  
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Dr. Bert Affleck, Hispanic Ministries  
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